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MEETING

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1. FOLLOWING IS JOINT STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS ISSUED AT CONCLUSION
OF EVENING MEETING ON APRIL 15:

2. THE MALTA II CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND
THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS WAS HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM ON
14/15 APRIL 1978. THE PARTIES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT
NYERERE AND THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THE KIND HOSPITALITY.

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3. THE BRITISH AND UNITED STATES DELEGATION WERE LED BY DR. DAVID
OWEN, THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND MR. CYRUS VANCE, THE
UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, WHILE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
DELEGATION WAS LED BY PRESIDENTS ROBERT MUGABE AND JOSHUA NKOMO.
GENERAL PREM CHAND REPRESENTING THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED
NATIONS ALSO ATTENDED.

4. REPRESENTATIVES OF ANGOLA, BOTSWANA, MOZAMBIQUE, NIGERIA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA WERE PRESENT AS OBSERVERS.

5. THE CONFERENCE, WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS MILITARY AND RELATED MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, WAS HELD IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CANDOUR AND SERIOUSNESS.

6. THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH SECRETARIES OF STATE REAFFIRMED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS, THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT PUT FORWARD A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS AIMED AT REACHING A SETTLEMENT WITHIN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. FOR THEIR PART THE US ANDY BRITISH SECRETARIES OF STATE TOOK NOTE OF THESE PROPOSALS THEY REGARDED AS FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED. PROGRESS WAS MADE AND THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT IN SOME IMPORTANT AREAS.

7. IT WAS AGREED THAT A FURTHER CONFERENCE BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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